

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/074,756

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12-27-2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31 and renumbered as 1-20,21,25,22,26,23,27,24 and 28-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 06-30-03, 03-12-02, 02-09-04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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1. **Status:** Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted 12-27-2004, under reconsideration, which, have been placed of record in the file. Claims 1-31 are pending in this office action,

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for domestic priority under U.S.C. 119(e) and 120. Applicant has complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under, 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 120 by making specific reference to the earlier filed applications; in the instant application.

3. Claims 1-31 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has amended independent Claims 1,4,21,22,29-31 as per objected claims 29-31 and rewritten, the independent Claims 1,4,21,22,29-31 of Finality of office action mailed on July 26, 2004, which makes application number 10074756 in condition for allowance.

a fluorescent lamp comprising: a first substrate; a second substrate which is arranged so as to face said first substrate; **a discharge gas which is sealed between said first substrate and said second substrate; and a plurality of discharge electrodes having discharge projections which are arranged on said first substrate and/or said second substrate; said projections and said discharge electrodes being substantially coplaner and said projections extending from said discharge electrodes in a direction different from a longitudinal axis of said discharge electrodes, wherein said fluorescent lamp emits light by causing electric**

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discharge in different areas alternated in accordance with said discharge projections and voltages applied to said plurality of discharge electrodes.

The cited references on 892's fails to anticipate individually as well as render obviousness individually or in combination above bold underlined recited claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prabodh M Dharia whose telephone number is 703-605-1231.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM to 5PM.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 703-3054938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR

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Any response to this action should be mailed to:

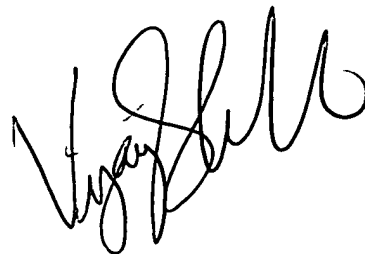
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Shankar', is written in a cursive style.

**VIJAY SHANKAR
PRIMARY EXAMINER**